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What is claimed is:

1. A structure for processing an end portion of a flat cable in which a plurality of juxtaposed conductors are sheathed and insulated, respectively, wherein the end
5 portion of the flat cable is cut in a stepped form so that cut surfaces of at least adjacent ones of the conductors are positioned in different planes.

10 2. The structure according to claim 1, wherein the end portion of the flat cable is cut in the stepped form so that the cut surfaces of the conductors are alternately positioned in a staggered manner.

15 3. A method of processing an end portion of a flat cable in which a plurality of juxtaposed conductors are sheathed and insulated, respectively, the method comprising the step of:

20 cutting the end portion of the flat cable in a stepped form so that cut surfaces of at least adjacent ones of the conductors are positioned in different planes.

25 4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the end portion of the flat cable is cut in the stepped form so that the cut surfaces of the conductors are alternately positioned in a staggered manner.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the flat cable is collectively cut along a widthwise direction of the flat cable by using a cutter blade having a blade shape in which rectangular sections continue in a zigzag manner.

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